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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the output of sound by exhaust systems of
- 2 motor vehicles and providing a penalty.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **321.436A Exhaust systems noise** 2 limitation.
- 3 l. A person shall not operate a motor vehicle with an
- 4 exhaust system that produces engine noise of ninety-five
- 5 decibels or more unless the person has reasonable grounds to
- 6 believe that the operation of the vehicle will not result
- 7 in the vehicle's exhaust system producing engine noise of
- 8 ninety-five decibels or more.
- 9 2. A person shall not modify the exhaust system of a motor
- 10 vehicle to produce engine noise of ninety-five decibels or
- ll more.
- 12 3. The decibel output of the exhaust system of a motor
- 13 vehicle shall be measured at a distance of fifty feet in a
- 14 manner that complies with the standards and testing procedures
- 15 established by the society of automotive engineers under SAE
- 16 J1492.
- 17 4. This section does not apply to motorcycles.
- 18 5. A violation of this section is a simple misdemeanor
- 19 punishable by a scheduled fine under section 805.8A, subsection 20 3.
- 21 Sec. 2. Section 805.8A, subsection 3, Code 2015, is amended
- 22 by adding the following new paragraph:
- 23 NEW PARAGRAPH. *Oag.* Section 321.436A..\$ 20.
- 24 EXPLANATION
- 25 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
- the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 27 This bill prohibits a person from operating a motor vehicle
- 28 with an exhaust system that produces engine noise of 95
- 29 decibels or more unless the person has reasonable grounds to
- 30 believe that the operation of the vehicle will not result
- 31 in the vehicle's exhaust system producing engine noise of
- 32 95 decibels or more. The bill also prohibits a person from
- 33 modifying the exhaust system of a motor vehicle to produce
- 34 engine noise of 95 decibels or more. The bill provides that
- 35 the decibel output of the exhaust system of a motor vehicle

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- 1 shall be measured at a distance of 50 feet in a manner that
- 2 complies with the standards and testing procedures established
- 3 by the society of automotive engineers.
- 4 The bill does not apply to motorcycles.
- 5 The bill provides that the scheduled fine for violating
- 6 these provisions is \$20.